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**Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs
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Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Paragraph (c) of resolution 74 (I), adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 1946, provides:

“That in 1947, and every year thereafter, the General Assembly at its regular session shall appoint an Auditor to take office from 1 July of the following year and to serve for a period of three years.”

2. The present membership of the Board of Auditors is the following:

The Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines**

The Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa***

Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*

* Term of office expires on 30 June 2001.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2003.

3. Since the term of office of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will expire on 30 June 2001, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its fifty-fifth session, to fill the resulting vacancy by the appointment, as a member of the Board, of the Auditor-General, or officer holding the equivalent title, of a Member State. The Auditor thus appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 July 2001.

4. The three members of the Board have joint responsibility for the external audit of the United Nations (including the International Court of Justice, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Offices at

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Geneva and Vienna and United Nations peacekeeping activities and special missions), the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the voluntary funds administered by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, the International Trade Centre, the United Nations University and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

5. At the present time, audit assignments are shared among the audit staff provided from the audit services of the members of the Board on an equal basis. In order to fulfil those shared responsibilities, each member provides approximately 20 Professional officers for approximately four months each year, in addition to the full-time Director.

6. To enable the Board to carry out its mandate through the integration of audit planning, execution and reporting and to enhance the development of common audit standards and professional practices, an Audit Operations Committee was established comprising three full-time Directors of External Audit, located at Headquarters, representing each member of the Board. The members of the Board are expected to be available for approximately two weeks each year, in June and November, for meetings of the Board and the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. In addition, each member has to be available for whatever consultations are necessary throughout the year with the members of the Administration, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and other governing bodies.

7. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the name of a Member State whose Auditor-General, or officer holding the equivalent title, was recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-fifth session.



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Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provides as follows:

"Article 20

"Investments Committee

"The Investments Committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the Secretary-General after consultation with the [United Nations Joint Staff Pension] Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly."

2. The present membership of the Committee is the following:

Mr. Ahmad Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia)*
Ms. Francine J. Bovich (United States of America)***
Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo (Mexico)*
Mr. Takeshi Ohta (Japan)***
Mr. Yves Oltramare (Switzerland)**
Mr. Emmanuel Noi Omaboe (Ghana)**
Mr. J. Y. Pillay (Singapore)*
Mr. Juergen Reimnitz (Germany)**
Mr. Peter Stormonth-Darling (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

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3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Abdullatif, Mr. Chico Pardo and Mr. Pillay will expire on 31 December 2000 it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session to confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of three persons to fill these vacancies. The persons so confirmed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2001.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for confirmation. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-fifth session.



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Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV) of 24 November 1949) provides as follows:

“1. The Tribunal shall be composed of seven members, no two of whom may be nationals of the same State. Only three shall sit in any particular case.

“2. The members shall be appointed by the General Assembly for three years, and they may be reappointed; provided, however, that of the members initially appointed, the terms of two members shall expire at the end of one year and the terms of two members shall expire at the end of two years. A member appointed to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's term.”

2. The present membership of the Administrative Tribunal is the following:

Mr. Chittharanjan Felix Amerasinghe (Sri Lanka)*

Mr. Julio Barboza (Argentina)***

Ms. Marsha A. Echols (United States of America)**

Mr. Mayer Gabay (Israel)***

Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland)**

Mr. Victor Yenyi Olungu (Democratic Republic of the Congo)*

Mr. Hubert Thierry (France)*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

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3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Amerasinghe, Mr. Olungu and Mr. Thierry will expire on 31 December 2000, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session to appoint three persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2001.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-fifth session.



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Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Article 6 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provides as follows:

“Article 6

“Staff Pension Committee

“(a) The United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall consist of four members and four alternate members elected by the General Assembly ...

“(b) The elected members and alternate members of the Committee shall hold office for three years or until the election of their successors and shall be eligible for re-election; in the event that such a member or alternate member ceases, during his term of office, to be a member of the Committee, another member or alternate member may be elected to hold office during the remainder of his term.

“(c) ...”

2. The present members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, appointed by the General Assembly for terms of office expiring on 31 December 2000, are the following:

Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan)

Mr. Gerhard Kuntzle (Germany)

Mr. Nester Odaga-Jalomayo (Uganda)

Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya)

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Mr. Carlos Dante Riva (Argentina)

Ms. Susan Shearouse (United States of America)

Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial (Pakistan)

Mr. Victor V. Vislykh (Russian Federation)

3. Accordingly, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session to elect four members and four alternate members to the Committee to serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2001.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-fifth session.



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Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The International Civil Service Commission was established by the General Assembly (resolution 3357 (XXIX)) for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system. It performs its functions in respect of the United Nations and of those specialized agencies and other international organizations which participate in the United Nations common system and which have accepted the Commission's statute.

2. Articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the Commission provide as follows:

"Article 2

"The Commission shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the General Assembly, of whom two, who shall be designated Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, shall serve full-time.

"Article 3

"1. The members of the Commission shall be appointed in their personal capacity as individuals of recognized competence who have had substantial experience of executive responsibility in public administration or related fields, particularly in personnel management.

"2. The members of the Commission, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected with due regard for equitable geographical distribution.

"Article 4

"1. After appropriate consultations with Member States, with the executive heads of the other organizations and with staff representatives, the

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Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination shall compile a list of candidates for appointment as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Commission and shall consult with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions before consideration and decision by the General Assembly.

"2. In the same way, the names of candidates shall be submitted to the General Assembly to replace members whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned or otherwise ceased to be available."

3. Article 5 of the statute provides in part that "the members of the Commission shall be appointed by the General Assembly for a term of four years and may be reappointed".

4. The present membership of the Commission is as follows:

Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia)*** (Chairman)
 Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland)*** (Vice-Chairman)
 Ms. Corazone Alma de Leon (Philippines)*
 Mr. Mario Bettati (France)**
 Mrs. Turkia Daddah (Mauritania)***
 Mr. Alexei Fedotov (Russian Federation)*
 Mr. Humayun Kabir (Bangladesh)*
 Mr. Joao Augusto de Medicis (Brazil)**
 Mr. Jose Ramon Sanchis Munoz (Argentina)**
 Ms. Lucretia Myers (United States of America)**
 Mr. Ernest Rusita (Uganda)*
 Mr. Alexis Stephanou (Greece)**
 Mr. Wolfgang Stockl (Germany)***
 Mr. Ku Tashiro (Japan)**
 Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco)*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

5. Since the terms of office of Ms. Alma de Leon, Mr. Fedotov, Mr. Kabir, Mr. Rusita and Mr. Zahid will expire on 31 December 2000, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session to appoint five persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of four years, beginning on 1 January 2001.

6. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-fifth session.
